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TO:

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

GRANTEES

FROM:

PORTIA WU

Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT:

Program Year (PY) 2015 Planning Instructions and Allotments for Senior

Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Grantees

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide SCSEP grantees with application instructions, procedures, and allotments for PY 2015 funds, beginning July 1, 2015.

2. References.

- FY 2015 Department of Labor Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 113-235)
- 2006 Older Americans Act (OAA) Amendments (Pub. L. 109-365, 42 U.S.C. 3056 et. seq.
- Provisions Governing the Senior Community Service Employment Program (20 CFR Part 641)
- "Revised Income Inclusions and Exclusions and Procedures for Determining SCSEP Eligibility," Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 12-06
- "2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program Grants," TEGL No. 18-14
- "Implementation of the New Uniform Guidance Regulations" TEGL No. 15-14
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.)
- SCSEP Performance Data Collection Approval (Office of Management and Budget No. 1205-0040)
- Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA) (Pub. L. 107-288)
- Priority of Service for Covered Persons (20 CFR Part 1010)

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3. <u>Background</u>. Under OAA Title V, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) provides annual grants to 56 state and territorial grantees and 15 competitively-selected national grantees. Each year ETA releases guidance to provide funding and authorized position amounts to assist grantees with preparing their applications for the annual allotments.

This guidance takes into account that SCSEP state grantees recently submitted modifications to 2012 State Plans. Please note the requirements as the document submission is streamlined for PY 2015.

- 4. Overall Approach. Like the SCSEP state planning process, the PY 2015 grant plans emphasize helping SCSEP participants find unsubsidized employment. This year, the narrative section of the submissions is streamlined for State grantees, which recently updated their State Plans. This year's SCSEP grant plan continues the practice of including the regulatory required Minority Report, using written assurances to cover all the basic programmatic activities (Attachment C), and allows grantee requests for optional activities (Attachment D). In addition, grantees may revise any programmatic policies, if needed.
- 5. <u>PY 2015 Program Allotments</u>. See Attachment A for funding levels and authorized positions.
- **6.** Grant Application Requirements. SCSEP grantees must submit a complete grant application package in order to receive PY 2015 funds. The ETA Grant Officer will not approve a grant application that fails to provide all of the required information outlined in this guidance, including the following items.

Application and Budget Forms. Grantees must submit current versions of the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance and SF-424A Budget Information Form, including the non-Federal share of at least 10 percent of the total cost (OAA Sec.502(c)(1)). These interactive documents and instructions are available at:

- a. Instructions: http://www.grants.gov/documents/19/55739/SF424-Instructions.pdf
- b. SF 424: http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SF424 2 1-V2.1.pdf,
- c. SF 424A: http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SF424A-V1.0.pdf.

Do not include manuals and operating procedures; Federal Project Officers (FPOs) will request these separately, as needed.

Program Narrative (Attachment B). All National Grantees must provide a narrative that addresses the required topics described in Attachment B. State and Territory Grantees must provide the regulatory required Minority Report, as well as any program or service-delivery changes that may have occurred after the approval of the State Plan Modification that was approved in early 2015. See Attachment B for more information.

Budget Narrative (Attachment C). All Grantees must provide a budget narrative. The budget narrative must provide a description of costs associated with each line item on the SF 424A. It should also include a description of leveraged resources provided to support

grant activities. Grantees choosing to use in-kind contributions, such as the supervisor's time at a host agency for leveraged resources, must submit the forms used to document and describe the process for calculating the in-kind contributions.

Programmatic Assurances (Attachment D). Grantees must submit signed programmatic assurances that reflect standard program requirements based on the SCSEP authorizing statute and its regulations at 20 CFR Part 641.

Optional Requests (Attachment E). Grantees may submit optional requests as described in Attachment D. Grantees must attach requests and required supporting materials in documents separate from the program narrative, Attachment B. Each grantee's current Individual Durational Limit (IDL) policy remains in effect until the grantee requests a change. All other optional special requests expire at the end of the PY 2014. If granted, ETA will provide written approval for all optional requests.

Geographic Areas to Be Served. In Item 14 on the SF-424, we require a list of the "Areas Affected by Project." Each grantee must list the states and counties the grant will serve, and must use www.scseped.org to obtain that information. Grantees can export the data for their service area(s) to an Excel spreadsheet and attach the list as a separate document.

7. Submission Requirements and Methods. Grantees must:

- a. Submit the PY 2015 grant application to ETA no later than May 15, 2015. ETA encourages grantees to submit their applications earlier, if possible.
- b. Submit the following documents to the State Office on Aging (unless the grantee is the State Office on Aging): program narrative, SF-424, SF-424A with budget narrative, and list of the states and counties the grantee will serve based on www.scseped.org. Provide the information no later than May 15, 2015. National grantees must also send this information to the State Office on Aging in each state in which they serve.
- c. Submit the required PY 2015 grant plan documents described in Section 6 via email to grants.scsepdocs@dol.gov, with an electronic copy to the grantee's FPO (see Attachment F). If a grantee is unable to submit electronically, the grantee may submit hard copy applications by fax to (202) 693-3015, or by overnight delivery to:

Kimberly Vitelli, Chief Division of National Programs, Tools, and Technical Assistance U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, NW Room C-4510 Washington, D.C. 20210-0001 All application packages must have an electronic or physical date stamp no later than May 15, 2015. Grantees requiring receipt verification from the grant email box should use the Return Receipt Request function when sending their email.

- 8. <u>Eligibility Review/Responsibility Review/Grant Application Review</u>. ETA will review grant applications as provided in the SCSEP regulations at 20 CFR 641.430-440. ETA will not issue final approval for PY 2015 funding if the grantee:
 - a. Fails to meet the eligibility conditions found in 20 CFR 641.430.
 - b. Fails to meet the responsibility conditions as provided in 20 CFR 641.440.
 - c. Fails to submit the required materials listed in this TEGL.
- 9. <u>Inquiries</u>. Please direct questions to your FPO. See Attachment F for FPO contact information.

10. Attachments.

Attachment A: Funding Allocations and Authorized Positions

Attachment B: Program Narrative
Attachment C: Budget Narrative

Attachment D: Programmatic Assurances
Attachment E: Optional Special Requests

Attachment F: List of FPOs

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Senior Community Service Employment Program PY 2015 Authorized Positions and Funding* for State Agencies and Territories, by State

States	Positions	Dollars	10% Match
	State Agend	eies	
Alabama	165	\$1,599,492	\$177,721.33
Alaska	190	1,846,110	205,123
Arizona	118	1,148,534	127,615
Arkansas	162	1,571,307	174,590
California	764	7,405,577	822,842
Colorado	90	873,731	97,081
Connecticut	97	944,193	104,910
Delaware	190	1,846,110	205,123
District of Col	52	500,281	55,587
Florida	525	5,094,417	566,046
Georgia	198	1,916,572	212,952
Hawaii	190	1,846,110	205,123
daho	47	459,622	51,069
Illinois	347	3,361,047	373,450
Indiana	233	2,261,836	251,315
lowa	114	1,106,257	122,917
Kansas	91	880,777	97,864
Kentucky	169	1,641,769	182,419
Louisiana	150	1,458,567	162,063
Maine	55	535,513	59,501
Maryland	123	1,190,811	132,312
Massachusetts	194	1,881,340	209,038
Michigan	297	2,881,903	
Minnesota	297	2,050,450	320,211 227,828
Mississippi	110		
Missouri		1,071,025	119,003
	220	2,135,004	237,223
Montana	56	542,558	60,284
Vebraska	68	662,345	73,594
Vevada	47	459,622	51,069
New Hampshire	47	459,622	51,069
New Jersey	251	2,437,991	270,888
New Mexico	50	486,189	54,021
New York	589	5,707,438	634,160
North Carolina	233	2,261,836	251,315
North Dakota	54	521,420	57,936
Ohio	389	3,769,727	418,859
Oklahoma	143	1,388,105	154,234
Oregon	131	1,268,320	140,924
Pennsylvania	477	4,622,320	513,591
Puerto Rico	122	1,183,765	131,529
Rhode Island	48	465,051	51,672
outh Carolina	121	1,176,718	130,746
outh Dakota	62	598,929	66,548
ennessee	182	1,761,555	195,728
'exas	494	4,791,429	532,381
tah	60	577,790	64,199
'ermont	49	479,142	53,238
'irginia	193	1,874,294	208,255
Vashington	132	1,275,366	141,707
Vest Virginia	100	972,379	108,042
Visconsin	228	2,212,513	245,835
Vyoming	47	459,622	51,069
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Northern Marianas	34	324,965	36,107
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Territories Total	337	\$3,249,638	

^{*} Based on cost per position of \$9,698, with enacted minimum wage increase effective 7/24/09

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State	AARP	ABLE	ANPPM	ES	EW	В	Mature	NAPCA	NCBA	NCOA	NULI	SER	SSAI	A4TD	Total
Alabama	80	\$0	\$0	\$1,833,367	\$0	80	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	80	\$4,423,360	\$0	\$6,256,727
Alaska	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	1,056,059	0	1,094,813	0	0	1,143,256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,294,128
Arkansas	1,823,932	0	0	0	3,434,425	0	0	0	892,563	0	0	0	0	0	6,150,920
California	3,210,474	0	4,034,916	0	2,783,704	0	0	872,939	0	2,550,920	0	8,962,169	3,317,167	0	25,732,289
Colorado	1,580,935	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,833,108	0	0	3,414,043
Connecticut	0	0	0	1,840,620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,869,683	3,710,303
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Florida	12,830,621	0	0	0	4,742,384	0	0	0	1,183,171	0	0	1,163,775	0	0	19,919,951
Georgia	2,026,133	0	0	0	4,236,460	0	0	0	0	1,221,497	0	0	0	0	7,484,090
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Idaho	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,626,119
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Indiana	2,124,713	0	0	0	2,435,174	2,279,94	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,998,589	0	8,838,420
Iowa	1,541,510	0	0	0	1.997,176	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	785,298	0	4,323,984
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3,329,397	0	0	3,329,397
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	3,043,803	0	0	0	0	2.171,376	1,182,624	0	0	0	6,397,803
Louisiana	1,504,370	0	1,358,786	0	1,679,072	0	0	0	0	621,159	0	0	0	0	5,163,387
Maine	0	2.080,874	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,080,874
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,641,405	0	4,641,405
Massachusetts	0	1.977,836	0	0	0	0	0	484.764	0	0	1,240,995	0	3,209,136	0	6,912,731
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New Jersey	0	0		3,093,976	1,542,139	0	0	0	0	3.850.497	1.057.189	0	0	0	9.543.801
New Mexico	0	0		0	0	1,626,119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,626,119
New York	4,810,306	0	0	3,442,860	3,695,013	0	0	950,423	0	2,123,905	1.735,977	0	4,946,081	0	21,704,565
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,656,196	1,434,734	0	0	4,740,437	0	8,831,367
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	2.024,443	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,024,443
Ohio	2,599,017	0	0	1,309,206	3,345,749	0	4.936.192	0	1,561,350	0	0	0	969,782	0	14,721,296
Oklahoma	1,436.074	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,055,939
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Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.581,541	0	0	5,317,082	0	6,898,623
Texas	10,659,185	0	0		3,142,471	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,084,277	1,270,567	0	18,156,500
Utah	0	0	0	2,250,164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,250,164
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,848,098	1,848,098
Virginia	2,144,271	0	0	0	650,073	2,241,297	0	0	0	2,095,758	0	0	0	0	7,131,399
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U. S. Department of Labor / Employment & Training Administration Senior Community Service Employment Program PY 2015 Authorized Positions* for Minority National Sponsors, by State

State	NAPCA	NICOA	Total
Alabama	0	16	16
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	0	144	144
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	259	56	315
Colorado	0	13	13
Connecticut	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Col	0	0	0
Florida	0	9	9
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	67	0	
Indiana	07		67
Indiana Iowa		0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
		0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0
Massachusetts	46	0	46
Michigan	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	34	34
Mississippi	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	53	53
New York	62	0	62
North Carolina	0	22	22
North Dakota	0	17	17
Ohio	0	0	0
Oklahoma	0	138	138
Oregon	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	58	0	58
Puerto Rico	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	46	46
Tennessee	0	0	0
Texas	60	0	
Utah	0		60
Vermont		7	7
	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	61	25	86
West Virginia	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	33	33
Wyoming	0	0	0
Total	613	613	1,226

^{*} Based on cost per position of \$9,698, with enacted minimum wage increase effective 7/24/09

U. S. Department of Labor / Employment & Training Administration Senior Community Service Employment Program PY 2015 Authorized Funding* for Minority National Sponsors, by State

State	NAPCA	NICOA	Total
Alabama	\$0	\$155,136	\$155,136
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	0	1,396,219	1,396,219
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	2,511,256	542,974	3,054,230
Colorado	0	126,048	126,048
Connecticut	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Col	0	0	0
Florida	0	87,264	87,264
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0
	649,630	0	649,630
Illinois	049,030	0	042,030
Indiana		0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0		
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0
Massachusetts	446,015	0	446,015
Michigan	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	329,663	329,663
Mississippi	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	513,886	513,886
New York	601,150	0	601,150
North Carolina	001,130	213,311	213,311
North Dakota	0	164,831	164,831
Ohio	0	0	0
	0	1,338,044	1,338,044
Oklahoma	0	1,336,044	1,556,044
Oregon	562,366		562,366
Pennsylvania			
Puerto Rico	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	446,015	446,015
Tennessee	0	0	0
Texas	581,758	0	581,758
Utah	0	67,872	67,872
Vermont	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	591,454	242,399	833,853
West Virginia	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	319,967	319,967
Wyoming	0	0	0
Total	5,943,629	5,943,629	11,887,258
10% Match	660,403	660,403	1,320,806

^{*} Based on cost per position of \$9,698, with enacted minimum wage increase effective 7/24/09

PROGRAM NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PY 2015

In an effort to streamline the document submission process for the Senior Community Service Employment Program annual planning guidance, the program narrative requirements have changed since PY 2014.

For **State and Territory Grantees**: The required content of the grant plan program narrative is already included in the State Plans or State Plan Modifications, which were most recently approved in early 2015. Therefore, in their program narrative, State and Territory grantees only need to provide any necessary updates to service delivery or program activities and updates on any other information provided in State Plans. State and Territory grantees still must provide a description of the Organizational Structure, Organizational Chart and a description of Services to Minorities described below, even if related content was in the State Plan.

For **National** Grantees: The program narrative is required for all of the sections below, including Service to Minorities, Organizational Structure, Program and Service Delivery Strategies.

For submissions in this section, please number pages include your organization's name, and use brief topic headings where possible.

A. Service Delivery and Training Strategies

National Grantees: Identify service delivery and training strategies that you plan to use to prepare participants for in-demand industries and occupations. The identification of in-demand industries and occupations should be based on current state local labor market information. Please include examples of service delivery and training strategies for both rural and urban areas.

State and Territory Grantees: Describe any changes, since the 2012 State Plan Modifications were approved in early 2015, to your service delivery or training strategies, as needed.

B. Service to Minorities (OAA Title V, Section 515)

Describe in detail a description of your efforts to serve individuals from minority populations. Using the PY 2013 SCSEP Minority Report and SPARQ data for PY 2014, describe:

- 1. Changes in enrollment levels or outcomes for minority individuals during PYs 2013 and 2014;
- 2. The factors that may have caused these changes in enrollment and outcomes; and
- 3. The steps you will take to address under-service or disparities in outcomes for minorities.

C. Organizational Structure

Describe your organizational structure, including the following.

- 1. Identify the grant's key staff, including their primary responsibilities and the amount of time they are assigned to SCSEP;
- 2. An organizational chart depicting key staff; and
- 3. Indicate whether sub-recipients or local affiliates implement the grant. If either entity is used, include a table with their names, locations, the number of authorized positions for which they are responsible, and experience (if any) in implementing SCSEP.

D. Optional Special Requests

Please use guidance in Attachment E to submit any Optional Special Requests.

BUDGET NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PY 2015

The budget narrative must provide a description of costs associated with each line item on the SF-424A. It should also include a description of nonfederal match provided (as applicable) to support grant activities. Use the following guidance for preparing the budget narrative:

Personnel – List all staff positions by title (both current and proposed). Provide the annual salary of each position, the percentage of each position's time devoted to the project, the amount of each position's salary funded by the grant and the total personnel cost for the period of performance.

Fringe Benefits – Provide a breakdown of the amounts and percentages that comprise fringe benefit costs such as health insurance, FICA, retirement, etc.

Travel – Specify the purpose, mileage, per diem, estimated number of in-state and out-of-state trips and other costs for each type of travel.

Equipment – Identify each item of equipment to be purchased which has an estimated acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit and a useful lifetime of more than one year (see 2 CFR 200.33 for the definition of Equipment). List the quantity and unit cost per item. Items with a unit cost of less than \$5,000 are considered supplies.

Supplies – Supplies include all tangible personal property other than "equipment" (see 2 CFR 200.94 for the definition of Supplies). The detailed budget should identify categories of supplies (e.g. office supplies). List the quantity and unit cost per item.

Contractual – Identify each proposed contract and specify its purpose and estimated cost. If applicable, identify any sub-recipient agreements, including purpose and estimated costs.

Construction – Construction costs are not allowed and this line must be left as zero. Minor alterations to adjust an existing space for grant activities (such as a classroom alteration) may be allowable. We do not consider this as construction and the costs must be shown on other appropriate lines such as Contractual.

Other – List each item in sufficient detail for us to determine whether the costs are reasonable or allowable. List any item, such as stipends or incentives, not covered elsewhere here.

Indirect Charges — If indirect costs are included in the budget, then include the approved indirect cost rate with a copy of the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)—if it is not already on file with ETA. Please note that a grantee must have a current NICRA in place no later than 90 days after the grant award for approval of indirect charges. The following link contains DOL specific information: http://www.dol.gov/oasam/boc/dcd/index.htm.

PROGRAMMATIC ASSURANCES FOR PY 2015 FUNDS

You must certify that you will conform to these assurances throughout the period of the grant by checking each of the assurances below. These assurances apply fully to any sub-recipient, local project, or grantee staff involved in the delivery of services.

You ag	gree to:
Recruit:	ment and Selection of Participants Develop and implement methods to recruit and select eligible participants to assure maximum participation in the program. Use income definitions and income inclusions and exclusions for SCSEP eligibility, as described in TEGL No. 12-06, to determine and document participant eligibility. Develop and implement methods to recruit minority populations to ensure at least proportional representation in your assigned service area. Develop and implement strategies to recruit applicants who have priority of service as defined in OAA section 518(b) (1)-(2) and by the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA). Individuals with priority include those who:
	 Are covered persons in accordance with the JVA (covered persons who are SCSEP-eligible must receive services instead of or before non-covered persons); Are 65 years or older; Have a disability; Have limited English proficiency; Have low literacy skills; Reside in a rural area; Have low employment prospects; Have failed to find employment after utilizing services provided through the One Stop Delivery System; Are homeless or are at risk for homelessness.
Assessi	Assess participants at least twice per 12-month period. Use assessment information to determine the most appropriate community service assignments (CSAs) for participants.
Individ	Establish an initial goal of unsubsidized employment for all participants. Update the IEP at least as frequently as assessments occur (twice per 12-month period). Modify the IEP as necessary to reflect other approaches to self-sufficiency, if it becomes clear that unsubsidized employment is not feasible. For participants who will reach the individual durational limit or would not otherwise achieve unsubsidized employment, include a provision in the IEP to transition to other services.

Rotate participants to a new host agency (or a different assignment within the host agency) based on a rotation policy approved by DOL in the grant agreement and only

when an individualized determination determines that the rotation is in the best interest of the participant. Such rotation must further the acquisition of skills listed in the IEP.

Comm	unity Service Assignment (CSA)
	Base the initial CSA on the assessment done at enrollment. Select only designated 501(c)(3) organizations or public agencies as host agencies. Put in place procedures to ensure adequate supervision of participants at host agencies. Ensure safe and healthy working conditions at CSA through annual monitoring.
Recerti	fication of Participants
	Recertify the income eligibility of each participant at least once every 12 months, or more frequently if circumstances warrant.
Physic	al Examinations
	Offer physical examinations to participants upon program entry, and each year thereafter, as a benefit of enrollment.
	Obtain a written waiver from each participant who declines a physical examination. Not obtain a copy or use the results of the physical examination to establish eligibility or for any other purpose.
Host A	Agencies
	Develop and implement methods for recruiting new host agencies to provide a variety of training options that enable participants to increase their skill level and transition to unsubsidized employment.
	Maintenance of Effort: Ensure that CSAs do not reduce the number of employment opportunities or vacancies that would otherwise be available to individuals who are not
	SCSEP participants. You must specifically ensure that CSAs do not: • Displace currently-employed workers (including partial displacement, such as a
	reduction in non-overtime work, wages, or employment benefits). • Impair existing contracts or result in the substitution of Federal funds for other
	funds in connection with work that would otherwise be performed.
	 Assign or continue to assign a participant to perform the same work, or substantially the same work, as that performed by an individual who is on layoff.
Orient	tation
	Provide orientations for its participants and host agencies, including information on:
	Project goals and objectives
	Participant rights and responsibilities CS As
	CSAsTraining opportunities
	Available supportive services
	Availability of free physical examinations
	Host agencies

	Local staff must address the topics listed above and provide sufficient orientation to applicants and participants on: SCSEP goals and objectives Grantee and local project roles, policies, and procedures Documentation requirements Holiday and sick leave Assessment process Development and implementation of IEPs Evaluation of participant progress Health and safety issues related to each participant's assignment Role of supervisors and host agencies Maximum individual duration policy, including the possibility of a waiver, if applicable Termination policy Grievance procedure
Wages	Provide participants with the highest applicable required wage (highest of Federal, state, or local minimum wage) for time spent in orientation, training, and community service assignments.
Partice:	Provide workers' compensation and other benefits required by state or Federal law (such as unemployment insurance), and the costs of physical examinations. Establish written policies relating to compensation for scheduled work hours during which the participant's host agency is closed for Federal holidays. Establish written policies relating to approved breaks in participation and any necessary sick leave that is not part of an accumulated sick leave program. Not use grant funds to pay the cost of pension benefits, annual leave, accumulated sick leave, or bonuses.
Proce	Make all required payments for participant payroll and pay workers' compensation premiums on a timely basis. Ensure that host agencies do not pay workers' compensation costs for participants.
	tional Limits mum Average Project Duration – 27 Months Maintain average project duration of 27 months or less, unless ETA approves an extension to 36 months.
Maxi.	mum Individual Participant Duration – 48 Months Allow participants to participate in the program no longer than 48 months (whether or not consecutively), unless your approved policy allows for an extension and the participant meets extension criteria.

	Notify participants of your policy pertaining to the maximum duration requirement, including the possibility of an extension if applicable, at the time of enrollment and each year thereafter, and whenever ETA has approved a change of policy. Provide 30-day written notice to participants prior to durational limit exit from the program.
Trans	ition Services Develop a system to transition participants to unsubsidized employment or other assistance before each participant's maximum enrollment duration has expired.
Termi	Provide a 30-day written notice for all terminations that states the reason for termination and informs the participants of grievance procedures and right to appeal. Maintain written termination policies in effect and provide to participants at enrollment for: Provision of false eligibility information by the participant Incorrect initial eligibility determination at enrollment Income ineligibility determined at recertification Participant has reached individual durational limit Participant has become employed while enrolled IEP-related termination Cause (must be approved by the ETA prior to implementation)
Equit	Comply with the equitable distribution (ED) plan for each state in which grantee operates and only make changes in the location of authorized positions within a state in accordance with the state ED plan and with prior ETA approval. Comply with the authorized position allocations /ED listed in www.scseped.org . Collaborate with all grantees authorized to serve in your state to achieve compliance with authorized positions while minimizing disruption to the participants.
Over	-Enrollment Manage over-enrollment to minimize impact on participants and avoid layoffs.
Adm	Ensure representation at all ETA-sponsored required grantee meetings. Communicate grant policy, data collection, and performance developments and directives to staff, sub-recipients, and local project operators on a regular basis. Develop a written monitoring tool that lists items you will review during monitoring visits, and provides this tool to sub-recipients and local project operators. Develop an annual monitoring schedule, unless the FPO approves a different standard; notify sub-recipients and local project operators of monitoring plans; and monitor sub-recipients and local project operators on a regular basis. Develop and provide training to increase sub-recipients' and local project operators' skills, knowledge, and abilities.

	When appropriate, prescribe corrective action and follow-up procedures for sub-recipients and local project operators to ensure that identified problems are remedied. Monitor the financial systems and expenditures, including sub-recipients and local project operators on a regular basis to ensure compliance with cost allocations as
	specified in the regulations. Ensure that sub-recipients and local project operators receive adequate resources to effectively operate local projects.
	Train sub-recipients and local project operators on SCSEP financial requirements to help them effectively manage their own expenditures, and provide general financial training as needed.
	Ensure that all financial reports are accurate and submit them in a timely manner, as required.
	Ensure full implementation and monitoring of requirements for customer satisfaction surveys, including participant, host agency and employer surveys.
	Develop a written plan for both disaster response and recovery so that SCSEP may continue to operate and provide services under emergency circumstances.
Collab	Collaborate with other organizations to maximize opportunities for participants to obtain workforce development, education, and supportive services to help them move into unsubsidized employment. These organizations may include but are not limited to: workforce investment boards, American Job Centers (One-Stop Centers), vocational rehabilitation providers, disability networks, basic education and literacy providers, and community colleges.
Suppo	Provide supportive services, as needed, to help participants participate in their community service assignment and to obtain and retain unsubsidized employment. Establish criteria to assess the need for supportive services and to determine when participants will receive supportive services, including after obtaining unsubsidized employment.
Sub-R	In selecting sub-recipients in areas with a substantial population of individuals with barriers to employment, national grantees should give special consideration to organizations with demonstrated expertise in serving individuals with barriers to employment (including former recipients of national grants), as defined in the statute.
Comp	Establish and use written grievance procedures for complaint resolution for applicants, employees, sub-recipients, and participants. Provide applicants, employees, sub-recipients, and participants with a copy of the grievance policy and procedures.

Mainte	nance of Files and Privacy Information
	Maintain participant files for three program years after the program year in which the
	participant received his/her final follow-up activity. Ensure that all participant records are securely stored by grantee or sub-recipient and access is limited to appropriate staff in order to safeguard personal identifying
	information. Ensure that all participant medical records are securely stored separately by grantee or sub-recipient from all other participant records and access is limited to authorized staff
	for authorized purposes. Establish safeguards to preclude tampering with electronic media, e.g., personal identification numbers (PINs) and SPARQ logins.
	Ensure that the ETA/SCSEP national office is immediately notified by grantee in the event of any potential security breach of personal identifying information, whether
	electronic files, paper files, or equipment are involved. Comply with and ensure that authorized users under its grant comply with all SPARQ access and security rules.
Docur	nentation
	Maintain documentation of waivers of physical examinations by participant. Maintain documentation of the provision of complaint procedures to participants. Maintain documentation of eligibility determinations and recertifications. Maintain documentations of terminations and reasons for termination. Maintain records of grievances and outcomes.
	Maintain records required for data validation. Maintain documentation of monitoring reports for sub-recipients and host agencies.
Data (Collection and Reporting
	Ensure the collection and reporting of all SCSEP required data according to specified time schedules.
	Ensure the use of the OMB-approved SCSEP data collection forms and the SCSEP Internet data collection and evaluation system, SPARQ.
	Ensure at the grantee or sub-recipient level that those capturing and recording data are familiar with the latest instructions for data collection, including ETA administrative issuances, e.g., TEGLs, Data Collection and Data Validation Handbooks, and the Older Worker Community of Practice.
	Ensure data are entered directly into the WDCS/SPARQ. Legally obligate sub-recipients to turn over complete data files in the specified electronic format, as well as hard copy case files, to the grantee when sub-recipients cease to
	administer SCSEP. Legally obligate new sub-recipients to enter complete data related to any participants whom they acquire upon becoming sub-recipients, including any participants who are still in the follow-up period.

If any box is not checked, the grantee must provide information of indicating what specific steps the grantee is taking to conform to trequirement(s).	n a separate attachment those standard grant
By checking the boxes above, I certify that my organization will listed requirements and will remain in compliance for the programment this application.	l comply with each of the ram year for which we are
Signature of Authorized Representative	Date

PY 2015 OPTIONAL SPECIAL REQUESTS

Grantees with special requests in one or more of the following areas must submit each request in a separate, clearly-titled document. Requests must adhere to the statute and regulations, and provide a substantive rationale such as improved program management, better service to participants, or least disruption possible to participants.

1. Change 48-Month Individual Durational Limit (IDL) Waiver Options. (Submit only if you are requesting a change.) To change your current IDL policy, you must request and receive Departmental approval for one of the following IDL policies. If you are changing your policy to make it more restrictive, it must have an effective date of at least 120 days after written approval.

If you propose to change your existing IDL policy, you must describe:

- a) Your currently-approved IDL policy.
- b) Which of the options below you propose to adopt:
 - i. Option 1: No extensions to any participants; all participants exit at 48 months.
 - ii. Option 2: Extensions to every participant who meets at least one of the seven waiver factors.
 - iii. Option 3: Extensions to every participant who meets a specific subset of the seven waiver factors, and/or extensions are limited to one-time only.
- c) A reasonable transition plan that addresses when and how you will notify participants of the change, and the planned activities to prepare participants for exit from the program.
- 2. Additional Funds for Participant Training and Supportive Services Older Americans Act (OAA), Section 502(c)(6)(C). (Approvals for this option expire at the end of each program year so you must submit a new request if you would like exercise this option.) The 2006 Amendments to the OAA permit an exception to the 75 percent minimum level of expenditures on participant wages and fringe benefits. This exception allows you to use not less than 65 percent of program funds for participant wages and fringe benefits, so that up to an additional 10 percent of funds are available for training and supportive services that directly benefit participants.

If you wish to request the use of additional funds for training and supportive services for PY 2015, you must provide:

- a) A detailed description of the additional training and supportive services.
- b) An explanation of how these activities will directly benefit participants, improve project effectiveness, and improve employment outcomes for individuals served.
- c) A sequence and timeline for these activities.
- d) If applicable, an explanation of whether displacement of eligible individuals or elimination of positions will occur, and information on how many individuals will be displaced or positions will be eliminated.
- e) An explanation of which performance measures you expect will improve from the expenditure of additional funds, and the amounts by which you expect each measure to improve.

If you request additional funds for participant training and supportive services, do *not* submit a separate budget narrative for these activities. Instead, the detailed budget narrative must identify the specific training and supportive service activities that you will provide if your request is approved. You must also include costs associated with this request in the SF-424 and SF-424A.

- 3. Increase in Administrative Cost Limitations 20 CFR 641.870. (Approvals for this option expire at the end of each program year so you must submit a new request if you would like to exercise this option.) The Department may authorize an increase in the amount available for administrative costs to not more than 15 percent if it determines that it is necessary to carry out the project, and if you demonstrate one of the following:
 - a) You are incurring major administrative cost increases in necessary program components.
 - b) The number of community service assignment positions or eligible minority individuals participating in the project will decline if administrative costs are not increased.
 - c) The project size is so small that the amount of administrative expenses incurred to carry out the project necessarily exceeds 13.5 percent of project funding.
- 4. Extension of Average Project Duration OAA Section 502(b)(1)(C)(ii). (Approvals for this option expire at the end of each program year so you must submit a new request if you would like to exercise this option.) The maximum average project duration based on overall participation is 27 months, but you may request permission from the Department to increase your maximum average project duration to 36 months. Your request must include:
 - a) A statement of your current average duration and an estimate of your average duration for the coming program year.
 - b) A description of your efforts to achieve an average duration of 27 months.
 - c) The exceptional circumstances that warrant an extension to 36 months, as set forth in the regulations:
 - i. High rates of unemployment, poverty, or participation in the program of block grants to states for temporary assistance for needy families established under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, in the areas served by you, relative to other areas of the state or nation;
 - ii. Significant downturns in the economy of an area served by you or in the national economy;
 - iii. Significant numbers or proportions of participants with one or more barriers to employment (including "most-in-need" individuals as described in 20 CFR 641.710(a)(6)) served by you, relative to such numbers or proportions for grantees serving other areas of the state or nation;
 - iv. Changes in Federal, state, or local minimum wage requirements; or
 - v. Limited economies of scale for the provision of community service employment and other authorized activities in the areas served by you.

- 5. On-the-Job Experience (OJE) Training Option. (Approvals for this option expire at the end of each program year so you must submit a new request if you would like to exercise this option.) If you wish to utilize OJE, you must meet the requirements stipulated in Older Worker Bulletin 04-04. You must provide a copy of your OJE policy and sample contracts to the Department for approval before you can exercise this option.
- 6. Cross-Border Agreements 20 CFR 641.515(c). (Approvals for this option expire at the end of each program year so you must submit a new request if you would like to exercise this option.) State grantees may enter into agreements to permit cross-border enrollment of eligible participants. These agreements must cover both state and national grantee slots, and must be submitted for Departmental approval.
- 7. Rotation Policy 20 CFR 641.575. (Approvals for this option expire at the end of each program year so you must submit a new request if you would like to exercise this option.) You may establish a policy of rotating participants to a new host agency or a different assignment within the current host agency. You must assure that you will make an individualized determination that a rotation is in the best interest of the participant, and that it will further the acquisition of skills listed in the individual employment plan (IEP).

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